

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator-Elect Al Franken, of Minnesota, was administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S7153–S7216*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1400–1407, and S. Res. 208–209. **Pages S7192–93**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–38)

S. 1406, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–39)

S. 1407, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. (S. Rept. No. 111–40) **Page S7192**

#### Measures Passed:

**Majority Party Committee Membership:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 208, to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S7168**

**Decade of Vision:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 209, recognizing the 40th anniversary of the National Eye Institute and expressing support for designation of the years 2011 through 2020 as the "Decade of Vision". **Pages S7214–15**

#### Measures Considered:

**Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7164–67, S7168–82**

#### Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 218), McCain Amendment No. 1400 (to Amendment No. 1373), to eliminate the appropriation for the Over-the-Road Bus Security Assistance, as recommended by the Administration. **Pages S7172–74, S7178**

#### Pending:

Reid (for Byrd/Inouye) Amendment No. 1373, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7164–67, S7168–82**

Sessions Amendment No. 1371 (to Amendment No. 1373), to make the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation for aliens permanent and to improve verification of immigration status of employees. **Pages S7166–67, S7168–72**

DeMint Amendment No. 1399 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require the completion of at least 700 miles of reinforced fencing along the southwest border by December 31, 2010. **Page S7172**

Feingold Amendment No. 1402 (to Amendment No. 1373), to require grants for Emergency Operations Centers and financial assistance for the predisaster mitigation program to be awarded without regard to earmarks. **Pages S7179–82**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 8, 2009, and that there be 5 minutes for debate prior to a vote on or in relation to Sessions Amendment No. 1371 (listed above), with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Schumer and Sessions, or their designees; provided that upon disposition of Sessions Amendment No. 1371 (listed above), Senate resume consideration of DeMint Amendment No. 1399 (listed above), with two minutes of debate prior to a vote on or in relation thereto, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Murray and DeMint, or their designees; provided further, that no amendment be in order to any of the amendments covered in this agreement prior to a vote on or in relation to the amendments. **Page S7177**